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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS SMALL MONTHLY GAIN: As of mid-December, 1983, North Carolina's total employment was estimated to be 2,735,600 - a net over-the-month increase of 2,900 workers (+0.1 percent). The reason for that modest growth was the addition of 15,300 people (+0.6 percent) to nonagricultural wage and salary employment. However, that was partially offset by the anticipated seasonal loss of 8,800 persons (-17.1 percent) in agriculture plus the reduction of 3,600 workers (-1.2 percent) in the "all other" nonagricultural employment segment.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT REGISTERS NOMINAL INCREASE: Manufacturing employment in the State rose to 801,500 by the middle of December, 1983, a net monthly gain of 800 workers (+0.1 percent). The durable goods sector added 1,600 people (+0.5 percent) as two industry groups in particular exhibited good growth. Furniture and fixtures experienced a net monthly increase of 800 persons (+1.0 percent) due in part to seasonal factors and to a general increase in business. Nonelectrical machinery also advanced by 800 workers (+1.6 percent) due mainly to hiring by a major company. Unfortunately, the nondurable goods sector sustained a net over-the-month decline of 800 workers (-0.2 percent). The tobacco industry displayed the largest drop, a seasonal downturn of 1,100 workers (-4.6 percent). The largest net monthly gain in nondurables occurred in textiles, which rose by 700 persons (+0.3 percent).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES GROWTH: From the middle of November to the middle of December, 1983, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment showed an increase of 3,300 workers (+0.2 percent) to reach a December level of 1,615,300. The expected seasonal gain of 6,300 workers (+1.3 percent) in trade due to the Christmas period was the principal reason for the growth in nonmanufacturing. Two industries sustained significant losses, however. Service and miscellaneous fell by 1,500 (-0.4 percent) while government declined by 1,300 (-0.3 percent). Both decreases were primarily seasonal in nature.

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT FAR AHEAD OF LAST YEAR: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the State has grown by 64,400 persons (+2.7 percent) from December, 1982, to December, 1983. Manufacturing has surged ahead by 31,200 (+4.1 percent) as many of its industry groups enjoyed impressive increases: furniture and fixtures, +4,300; electrical machinery, +3,800; textiles, +8,900; and apparel, +4,300. Nonmanufacturing employment was 33,200 (+2.1 percent) above one year ago with every industry group registering growth. These were the four largest: trade, +14,000; service and miscellaneous, +6,600; government, +5,200; and construction, +4,300.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES OVER THE MONTH: From the middle of November to the middle of December, 1983, the State's total unemployment fell to 216,200. That was a net monthly decline of 14,300 persons (-6.2 percent). As a result, the unadjusted rate of unemployment in North Carolina decreased from 7.8 percent in November, 1983, to 7.3 percent in December, 1983. In December 1982, there was 261,200 jobless people and the unemployment rate was 8.9 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 8.0 percent in December, 1983, 8.1 percent in November, 1983, and 10.4 percent in December, 1982. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 8.2 percent in December, 1983, 8.4 percent in November, 1983, and 10.8 percent in December of 1982.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

December, 1983

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	December 2/ 1983	November 3/ 1983	December 1982	November, 1983		December, 1982	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,951,800	2,963,200	2,926,500	- 11,400	- 0.4	+ 25,300	+ 0.9
Employment, Total	2,735,600	2,732,700	2,665,300	+ 2,900	+ 0.1	+ 70,300	+ 2.6
Agricultural Employment	42,800	51,600	46,000	- 8,800	-17.1	- 3,200	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,401,000	2,385,700	2,342,200	+ 15,300	+ 0.6	+ 58,800	+ 2.5
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	291,800	295,400	277,100	- 3,600	- 1.2	+ 14,700	+ 5.3
Unemployment, Total	216,200	230,500	261,200	- 14,300	- 6.2	- 45,000	-17.2
State Unadjusted Rate	7.3	7.8	8.9	- 0.5	XXX	- 1.6	XXX
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.0	8.1	10.4	- 0.1	XXX	- 2.4	XXX
(Seasonally Adjusted)	8.2	8.4	10.8	- 0.2	XXX	- 2.6	XXX

1/ All data revised to reflect 1982 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

HOURLY EARNINGS UP WHILE HOURS WORKED DOWN: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers increased by 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) from mid-November ($6.80) to mid-December, 1983 ($6.83). Since December, 1982, the average has increased by 28¢ an hour (+4.3 percent). The durable goods sector experienced a net over-the-month gain of 7¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to reach $7.09 in December, 1983. That figure represented net over-the-year growth of 32¢ an hour (+4.7 percent). The durable goods industry group which recorded the largest net monthly increase was primary metals, up by 24¢ an hour (+3.1 percent) to $8.04 in December. Fabricated metals and nonelectrical machinery were next, both rising by 11¢ an hour over the month. The nondurable goods sector remained constant at $6.67 over the month but did show a modest net yearly gain of 24¢ an hour (+3.7 percent). Paper and allied products led the way in nondurables with a net monthly surge of 16¢ an hour (+1.5 percent) to arrive at $10.63 in December, 1983. Food and kindred products followed with a net over-the-month increase of 13¢ an hour (+2.1 percent) to $6.37. Hourly earnings in tobacco manufacturing dropped by 26¢ over the month due to seasonal factors. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees grew by 55¢ (+0.2 percent) to $279.35 from mid-November to mid-December, 1983. That was a net yearly increase of $24.55 (+9.6 percent). Average weekly hours stood at 40.9 in December, 1983, down by 0.1 of an hour over the month but up by 2.0 hours over the year.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX EDGES UPWARD: According to the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose to 303.5 in December, 1983 - a monthly increase of 0.1 percent and a yearly gain of 3.8 percent. The largest over-the-month jumps occurred in food and beverages and medical care, the cost of each climbing by 0.4 percent. Both transportation and entertainment remained constant over the month. The cost of apparel and upkeep registered a significant drop, falling by 0.7 percent. Basically, what the index means is that goods and services which cost $100.00 in 1967, the base year, cost $303.50 in December, 1983.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS DECLINES: There were 154,027 job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina as of December 31, 1983. That was a net monthly decrease of 13,821 applicants (-8.2 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine age group was the largest applicant segment with 94,609 or 61.4 percent of the total. That was followed by the forty to fifty-four year olds who numbered 26,895 or 17.5 percent. As expected, the fifty-five and over sector had the fewest applicants with 8,900 or just 5.8 percent of the total. Males comprised 50.1 percent of the total with a count of 77,238. White, not Hispanic, was the largest ethnic group with 88,718 or 57.7 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of December 31, 1983.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

December 31, 1983

	Number	Percent
Total	154,027	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	23,623	15.3
22-39	94,609	61.4
40-54	26,895	17.5
55 and Over	8,900	5.8
Sex		
Male	77,238	50.1
Female	76,789	49.9
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	88,718	57.7
Black, not Hispanic	61,925	40.2
Hispanic	673	0.4
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,907	1.2
Other Races and Undetermined	804	0.5
Eligible Claimant	69,259	45.0
Veteran	26,189	17.0
Handicapped	9,880	6.4
Welfare	17,842	11.6
Seasonal Farmworker	1,799	1.2

MANY JOB OPENINGS ON FILE: There were 12,482 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State during the month of December, 1983. The vast majority of these jobs was filled (10,172 or 81.5 percent). The occupation which had the largest number of job openings received in December was structural work with 1,981. A good percentage of those was filled (76.0 percent or 1,505). The service category was a close second with 1,866 job openings received and 1,462 or 78.3 percent filled. Clerical work followed with 1,732 job openings received and 1,057 or 61.0 percent filled. Processing was the category with the fewest job openings received in December, 405. However, all of those were filled. From October 1, 1983, through December 31, 1983, 50,814 job openings were received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina

with a high percentage (83.6 percent or 42,505) having been filled. As of December 31, 1983, there were 9,036 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. Most of those jobs (5,655 or 62.6 percent) have been open for thirty days or more and were classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on Statewide job openings for December, 1983, and for the fiscal year to date.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

Occupation	December, 1983		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Dec. 31, 1983	
	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	808	412	2,206	999	1,014	631
Clerical	1,732	1,057	5,587	3,793	1,321	624
Sales	635	497	2,493	1,844	542	375
Service	1,866	1,462	7,064	5,615	1,495	995
Domestic	225	201	713	637	45	32
Other Services	1,641	1,261	6,351	4,978	1,450	963
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	1,167	1,288	10,279	10,176	115	58
Processing	405	405	1,906	1,837	355	276
Machine Trades	941	736	3,725	2,918	935	634
Bench Work	1,390	1,342	4,823	4,484	1,202	857
Structural Work	1,981	1,505	6,598	5,206	1,369	766
Miscellaneous	1,557	1,468	6,133	5,633	688	439
Motor Freight & Transp.	347	267	1,239	914	225	136
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	1,163	1,174	4,706	4,592	412	269
Other	47	27	188	127	51	34
Total	12,482	10,172	50,814	42,505	9,036	5,655

1/ October 1, 1983, through December 31, 1983.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

DECEMBER, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1983 (Thous.)	November 1983 (Thous.)	December 1982 (Thous.)	November 1983	December 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2416.8	2412.7	2352.4	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	801.5	800.7	770.3	+ 0.1	+ 4.1
DURABLE GOODS	305.8	304.2	288.0	+ 0.5	+ 6.2
Lumber & Wood Products	33.3	33.7	31.3	- 1.2	+ 6.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.1	11.5	0	+ 5.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.4	8.4	7.6	0	+ 10.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.9	4.1	3.2	- 4.9	+ 21.9
Furniture & Fixtures	84.2	83.4	79.9	+ 1.0	+ 5.4
Household Furniture	75.3	74.7	71.3	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
Wood Household Furniture	39.1	39.0	37.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.9	30.8	29.0	+ 0.3	+ 6.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.6	17.6	15.4	0	+ 14.3
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	1.8	0	+ 22.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.8	4.2	0	+ 14.3
Primary Metal Industries	9.0	8.9	8.1	+ 1.1	+ 11.1
Fabricated Metal Products	23.1	23.3	23.7	- 0.9	- 2.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.8	9.0	10.0	- 2.2	- 12.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.4	51.6	50.2	+ 1.6	+ 4.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	7.0	6.6	0	+ 6.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	54.7	54.3	50.9	+ 0.7	+ 7.5
Household Appliances	6.1	6.1	5.1	0	+ 19.6
Transportation Equipment	16.8	16.6	14.6	+ 1.2	+ 15.1
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.7	14.8	13.9	- 0.7	+ 5.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	495.7	496.5	482.3	- 0.2	+ 2.8
Food & Kindred Products	42.5	43.2	42.5	- 1.6	0
Meat Products	17.0	16.9	16.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.8	2.8	- 3.6	- 3.6
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.6	6.6	6.5	-	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.6	23.7	24.7	- 4.6	- 8.5
Cigarettes	18.5	18.7	19.9	- 1.1	- 7.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.5	4.3	4.2	- 18.6	- 16.7
Textile Mill Products	228.4	227.7	219.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.5	65.3	64.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.8	34.7	34.1	+ 0.3	+ 2.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.5	30.3	29.9	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
Knitting Mills	77.8	77.9	72.6	0.1	+ 7.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.6	24.3	21.7	+ 1.2	+ 13.4
Hosiery, NEC	21.4	21.7	20.7	- 1.4	+ 3.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.9	16.0	15.0	- 0.6	+ 6.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.7	6.7	6.0	0	+ 11.7
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.6	15.4	14.8	+ 1.3	+ 5.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.5	56.1	55.1	+ 0.7	+ 2.5

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

DECEMBER, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1983 (Thous.)	November 1983 (Thous.)	December 1982 (Thous.)	November 1983	December 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.7	90.4	85.4	- 0.8	+ 5.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.2	27.7	26.7	- 1.8	+ 1.9
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	43.8	44.1	41.3	- 0.7	+ 6.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	21.6	21.9	+ 1.9	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.3	11.0	+ 4.9	- 1.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.7	6.7	6.3	0	+ 6.3
Printing & Publishing	22.3	21.9	21.6	+ 1.8	+ 3.2
Newspapers	8.8	8.7	8.4	+ 1.1	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.1	36.0	35.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.6	13.8	13.6	- 1.4	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.7	26.6	25.3	+ 0.4	+ 5.5
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.4	5.4	5.8	0	- 6.9
NONMANUFACTURING	1615.3	1612.0	1582.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.1
MINING	4.8	4.9	4.5	- 2.0	+ 6.7
CONSTRUCTION	106.8	107.1	102.5	- 0.3	+ 4.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.7	115.7	115.4	0	+ 0.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	56.5	56.7	55.8	- 0.4	+ 1.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.8	53.7	54.2	+ 0.2	- 0.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	501.6	495.3	487.6	+ 1.3	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade	126.1	127.9	124.8	- 1.4	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.4	74.5	71.8	- 0.1	+ 3.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	51.7	53.4	53.0	- 3.2	- 2.5
Retail Trade	375.5	367.4	362.8	+ 2.2	+ 3.5
General Merchandise Stores	62.5	57.4	59.2	+ 8.9	+ 5.6
Variety Stores	15.3	14.6	13.7	+ 4.8	+ 11.7
Food Stores	60.6	60.0	58.6	+ 1.0	+ 3.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.4	100.2	97.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	368.3	369.8	361.7	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	20.1	21.1	19.0	- 4.7	+ 5.8
Personal Services	23.4	23.2	22.5	+ 0.9	+ 4.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.0	10.1	0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	417.7	419.0	412.5	- 0.3	+ 1.3
Federal	49.6	49.7	49.0	- 0.2	+ 1.2
State	126.7	127.1	125.9	- 0.3	+ 0.6
Education	69.0	69.0	68.4	0	+ 0.9
Other	57.7	58.1	57.5	- 0.7	+ 0.3
Local	241.4	242.2	237.6	- 0.3	+ 1.6
Education	140.6	140.5	137.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Other	100.8	101.7	100.6	- 0.9	+ 0.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1983
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1983 (thous.)	November 1983 (thous.)	December 1982 (thous.)	November 1983	December 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,395.2	2,388.7	2,331.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	799.0	795.5	768.0	+ 0.4	+ 4.0
DURABLE GOODS	303.7	302.2	286.1	+ 0.5	+ 6.2
Lumber & Wood Products	33.2	33.5	31.3	- 0.9	+ 6.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.1	11.5	0	+ 5.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.4	8.4	7.6	0	+ 10.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.9	4.1	3.2	- 4.9	+ 21.9
Furniture & Fixtures	83.1	82.7	78.9	+ 0.5	+ 5.3
Household Furniture	74.3	74.1	70.3	+ 0.3	+ 5.7
Wood Household Furniture	38.6	38.6	37.0	0	+ 4.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.6	30.7	28.7	- 0.3	+ 6.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.6	17.5	15.4	+ 0.6	+ 14.3
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	1.8	0	+ 22.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.8	4.2	0	+ 14.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.9	8.9	8.0	0	+ 11.2
Fabricated Metal Products	22.7	23.0	23.3	- 1.3	- 2.6
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.7	8.8	9.9	- 1.1	- 12.1
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.0	51.4	49.8	+ 1.2	+ 4.4
Special Industry Machinery	6.9	7.0	6.5	- 1.4	+ 6.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	54.7	53.9	50.9	+ 1.5	+ 7.5
Household Appliances	6.1	5.7	5.1	+ 7.0	+ 19.6
Transportation Equipment	16.9	16.6	14.7	+ 1.8	+ 15.0
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.6	14.7	13.8	- 0.7	+ 5.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	495.3	493.3	481.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Food & Kindred Products	42.5	42.9	42.5	- 0.9	0
Meat Products	17.0	16.8	16.7	+ 1.2	+ 1.8
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.8	2.7	- 7.1	- 3.7
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.7	6.7	6.6	0	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.4	21.7	24.5	+ 3.2	- 8.6
Cigarettes	18.5	18.7	19.9	- 1.1	- 7.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.4	2.9	4.0	+ 17.2	- 15.0
Textile Mill Products	228.2	227.5	219.2	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.3	65.0	64.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.5	34.5	33.8	0	+ 2.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.7	30.1	30.0	+ 2.0	+ 2.3
Knitting Mills	78.1	78.1	72.9	0	+ 7.1
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.5	24.3	21.6	+ 0.8	+ 13.4
Hosiery, NEC	21.6	21.7	20.8	- 0.5	+ 3.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.9	16.0	15.0	- 0.6	+ 6.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.8	6.1	0	+ 11.5
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.5	15.3	14.7	+ 1.3	+ 5.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.4	56.0	55.0	+ 0.7	+ 2.5

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1983
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1983 (thous)	November 1983 (thous)	December 1982 (thous)	November 1983	December 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.1	89.6	85.7	+ 0.6	+ 5.1
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.2	27.4	26.7	- 0.7	+ 1.9
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	44.2	43.9	41.6	+ 0.7	+ 6.2
Paper & Allied Products	21.9	21.6	21.8	+ 1.4	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.3	6.2	+ 3.9	+ 72.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.6	6.7	8.3	- 1.5	- 20.5
Printing & Publishing	21.9	21.8	21.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Newspapers	8.7	8.7	8.3	0	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.2	36.2	35.8	0	+ 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.5	13.8	13.5	- 2.2	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.7	26.5	25.3	+ 0.8	+ 5.5
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.4	5.5	5.8	- 1.8	- 6.9
NONMANUFACTURING	1,596.2	1,593.2	1,563.8	+ 0.2	+ 20.7
MINING	4.8	4.9	4.5	- 2.0	+ 6.7
CONSTRUCTION	106.6	105.7	102.4	+ 0.9	+ 4.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.1	114.9	114.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	55.9	55.7	55.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.1	54.0	54.5	+ 0.2	- 0.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	488.6	487.6	475.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade	126.8	126.7	125.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.5	74.4	71.9	+ 0.1	+ 3.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	52.3	52.3	53.6	0	- 2.4
Retail Trade	361.8	360.9	349.5	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
General Merchandise Stores	54.8	54.4	51.8	+ 0.7	+ 5.8
Variety Stores	13.8	13.9	12.4	- 0.7	+ 11.3
Food Stores	59.9	59.6	57.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.5	100.7	98.0	- 0.2	+ 2.6
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	373.2	372.4	366.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.1	21.9	20.9	+ 0.9	+ 5.7
Personal Services	23.6	23.6	22.7	0	+ 4.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	9.9	9.9	10.0	0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	407.4	407.0	402.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Federal	50.3	50.4	49.7	- 0.2	+ 1.2
State	121.9	121.0	121.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Education	63.3	62.3	62.7	+ 1.6	+ 1.0
Other	58.6	58.7	58.4	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Local	235.2	235.6	231.7	- 0.2	+ 1.5
Education	133.0	133.0	129.7	0	+ 2.5
Other	102.2	102.6	102.0	- 0.4	+ 0.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1983

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1983	November 1983	December 1982	November 1983	December 1982
MANUFACTURING	641.5	641.7	610.9	*	+ 5.0
DURABLE GOODS	233.5	232.7	216.5	+ 0.3	+ 7.9
Lumber & Wood Products	28.9	29.3	27.0	- 1.4	+ 7.0
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.4	7.4	6.7	0	+10.4
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.4	3.6	2.7	- 5.6	+25.9
Furniture & Fixtures	75.3	74.6	70.8	+ 0.9	+ 6.4
Household Furniture	68.1	67.5	63.9	+ 0.9	+ 6.6
Wood Household Furniture	36.2	36.1	34.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.9
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	14.2	14.3	12.1	- 0.7	+17.4
Structural Clay Products	1.7	1.8	1.4	- 5.6	+21.4
Primary Metal Industries	6.6	6.6	5.7	0	+15.8
Fabricated Metal Products	16.9	17.0	17.2	- 0.6	- 1.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.9	26.7	25.8	+ 0.7	+ 4.3
Special Industry Machinery	4.7	4.6	4.3	+ 2.2	+ 9.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	39.4	39.1	35.6	+ 0.8	+10.7
Household Appliances	5.4	5.5	4.5	- 1.8	+20.0
Transportation Equipment	13.7	13.4	11.5	+ 2.2	+19.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.0	409.0	394.4	- 0.2	+ 3.4
Food & Kindred Products	28.6	29.2	28.9	- 2.1	- 1.0
Meat Products	14.6	14.5	14.3	+ 0.7	+ 2.1
Meat Packing	2.0	2.1	2.1	- 4.8	- 4.8
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.0	19.1	20.2	- 5.8	-10.9
Cigarettes	14.8	15.1	16.0	- 2.0	- 7.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.6	3.5	3.5	-25.7	-25.7
Textile Mill Products	204.2	203.5	194.5	+ 0.3	+ 5.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	59.7	59.5	57.4	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.6	31.6	30.4	0	+ 3.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	27.9	27.7	26.9	+ 0.7	+ 3.7
Knitting Mills	68.3	68.3	63.3	0	+ 7.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	21.7	21.4	19.1	+ 1.4	+13.6
Hosiery, NEC	19.6	20.0	19.0	- 2.0	+ 3.2
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.7	13.7	12.8	0	+ 7.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.8	5.7	5.0	+ 1.8	+16.0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.1	13.0	12.4	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	52.0	51.6	50.6	+ 0.8	+ 2.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.6	78.3	73.6	- 0.9	+ 5.4
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	23.3	23.8	22.8	- 2.1	+ 2.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.9	38.3	35.5	- 1.0	+ 6.8
Paper & Allied Products	16.8	16.4	16.5	+ 2.4	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.9	7.5	8.0	+ 5.3	- 1.2
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.2	5.2	4.8	0	+ 8.3
Printing & Publishing	13.4	13.2	13.2	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
Newspapers	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 6.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.6	23.6	22.8	0	+ 3.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.6	9.8	9.3	- 2.0	+ 3.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	21.2	21.1	19.8	+ 0.5	+ 7.1
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.6	4.6	4.9	0	- 6.1

1/ Current data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products
Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."
* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/
DECEMBER, 1983

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
MANUFACTURING	$279.35	$278.80	$ 254.80	40.9	41.0	38.9	$ 6.83	$ 6.80	$ 6.55
DURABLE GOODS	297.07	289.22	265.38	41.9	41.2	39.2	7.09	7.02	6.77
Lumber & Wood Products	241.44	238.30	219.30	41.7	41.3	39.8	5.79	5.77	5.51
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	241.97	234.48	214.11	42.6	41.5	39.0	5.68	5.65	5.49
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	264.26	274.70	235.08	39.5	41.0	38.1	6.69	6.70	6.17
Furniture & Fixtures	249.70	240.37	214.60	40.8	39.6	37.0	6.12	6.07	5.80
Household Furniture	248.68	239.58	211.60	40.7	39.6	36.8	6.11	6.05	5.75
Wood Household Furniture	243.08	238.45	205.90	41.2	40.9	37.3	5.90	5.83	5.52
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	315.84	315.84	290.70	42.0	42.0	40.6	7.52	7.52	7.16
Structural Clay Products	245.68	255.58	231.83	41.5	43.1	40.6	5.92	5.93	5.71
Primary Metal Industries	368.23	336.18	312.42	45.8	43.1	41.0	8.04	7.80	7.62
Fabricated Metal Products	299.07	312.75	300.44	39.3	41.7	41.1	7.61	7.50	7.31
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	356.33	337.93	324.41	44.1	42.4	40.5	8.08	7.97	8.01
Special Industry Machinery	317.15	303.23	279.27	42.4	41.2	39.5	7.48	7.36	7.07
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	351.07	348.89	309.68	42.4	42.6	39.5	8.28	8.19	7.84
Household Appliances	260.60	273.05	226.69	41.3	43.0	36.8	6.31	6.35	6.16
Transportation Equipment	335.40	321.68	312.23	43.0	41.4	41.3	7.80	7.77	7.56
NONDURABLE GOODS	269.47	272.80	248.84	40.4	40.9	38.7	6.67	6.67	6.43
Food & Kindred Products	252.89	244.61	243.41	39.7	39.2	40.3	6.37	6.24	6.04
Meat Products	203.48	203.08	206.84	37.2	37.4	39.1	5.47	5.43	5.29
Meat Packing	360.91	361.05	360.48	43.8	44.3	45.4	8.24	8.15	7.94
Dairy Products	260.10	250.43	262.14	42.5	41.6	43.4	6.12	6.02	6.04
Grain Mill Products	303.08	295.17	286.97	44.9	43.6	44.7	6.75	6.77	6.42
Bakery Products	280.06	271.26	266.90	41.8	41.1	42.5	6.70	6.60	6.28
Beverages	482.76	438.60	419.68	45.5	42.5	43.9	10.61	10.32	9.56
Tobacco Manufacturers	428.27	477.43	405.84	37.9	41.3	38.0	11.30	11.56	10.68
Cigarettes	474.13	555.78	460.42	37.9	42.5	38.4	12.51	13.03	11.99
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	186.38	170.48	175.08	37.5	36.9	36.4	4.97	4.62	4.81
Textile Mill Products	252.56	254.59	226.38	41.2	41.6	38.5	6.13	6.12	5.88
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	278.64	283.66	248.45	41.9	42.4	38.4	6.65	6.69	6.47
Weaving Mills, Cotton	272.74	281.65	253.22	41.2	42.1	38.6	6.62	6.69	6.56
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	285.24	285.90	243.33	42.7	42.8	38.2	6.68	6.68	6.37
Knitting Mills	222.26	226.00	206.22	39.2	40.0	37.7	5.67	5.65	5.47
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	220.86	210.00	199.68	40.6	39.4	38.4	5.44	5.33	5.20
Hosiery, NEC	190.45	213.88	182.85	35.4	39.1	34.5	5.38	5.47	5.30
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	260.83	261.46	245.84	41.8	41.9	40.5	6.24	6.24	6.07
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	273.66	264.80	241.60	43.3	42.3	40.0	6.32	6.26	6.04
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	282.92	271.99	248.46	44.0	42.3	40.4	6.43	6.43	6.15
Yarn & Thread Mills	245.02	248.30	215.77	41.6	42.3	38.6	5.89	5.87	5.59
Apparel & Other Textile Products	182.63	187.50	175.85	37.5	38.5	37.1	4.87	4.87	4.74
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	181.72	184.87	171.24	36.2	36.9	35.9	5.02	5.01	4.77
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	173.63	180.65	168.54	37.1	38.6	36.8	4.68	4.68	4.58
Paper & Allied Products	471.97	460.68	423.53	44.4	44.0	42.1	10.63	10.47	10.06
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	565.76	574.27	518.91	44.2	44.9	44.2	12.80	12.79	11.74
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	346.26	331.52	296.53	45.5	44.8	41.3	7.61	7.40	7.18
Printing & Publishing	290.58	285.25	280.60	38.9	38.6	39.3	7.47	7.39	7.14
Newspapers	274.35	268.66	257.03	35.4	34.8	34.5	7.75	7.72	7.45
Chemicals & Allied Products	358.27	368.87	346.18	40.3	41.4	40.3	8.89	8.91	8.59
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	409.70	414.38	386.10	41.3	42.5	40.9	9.92	9.75	9.44
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	374.88	365.04	313.19	44.0	43.2	39.1	8.52	8.45	8.01
MINING	302.94	296.27	287.58	40.5	40.2	41.8	7.48	7.37	6.88
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	447.58	447.07	411.23	41.1	41.9	41.0	10.89	10.67	10.03
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	198.22	191.98	198.36	34.0	33.1	34.2	5.83	5.80	5.80
Wholesale Trade	288.80	280.53	265.88	40.0	39.4	39.1	7.22	7.12	6.80
Retail Trade	170.13	164.74	168.64	32.1	31.2	32.0	5.30	5.28	5.27
General Merchandise Stores	163.65	141.97	155.80	31.9	29.7	32.8	5.13	4.78	4.75
Variety Stores	121.97	116.18	2/	32.7	31.4	2/	3.73	3.70	2/
Food Stores	192.05	187.80	189.01	33.4	31.3	32.2	5.75	6.00	5.87
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	122.12	122.66	121.35	28.6	29.7	29.1	4.27	4.13	4.17
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	170.94	172.04	170.29	35.1	35.4	35.7	4.87	4.86	4.77

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Information not available.